

## **The Department of Veterans Affairs Center for Veterans Enterprise releases a simplified reverification process**

WASHINGTON— June 6, 2012 — The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Center for Veterans Enterprise (CVE), is proud to announce implementation of its new Verification Case Management System (VCMS). VCMS serves as CVE's verification information management system and a document repository for Veteran business applicant's business documents. It will streamline the eligibility and verification process, simplify the business owner's ability to track their company's progress, improve case management, and minimize evaluation processing time.

In order to take advantage of procurement preferences set aside for Veteran-owned and controlled small businesses, the business must be verified as an eligible firm and be registered in the VA Vendor Information Pages (VIP). Information about the verification program, administered by CVE, and instructions concerning how to become verified can be found on the official VA website <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>.

CVE has also released a simplified reverification process for Veterans wishing to continue in the service-disabled Veteran-owned small business (SDVOB) and Veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) programs. The simplified reverification process has been launched in order to facilitate Veteran small business owners for inclusion in the Veteran First contracting program. The Veteran First contracting program awarded \$3.2 billion in contracts to VOSB/SDVOSB in 2011.

Only those who were verified with a full document examination under the provisions of P.L. 111-275 are eligible for the new simplified reverification process. The simplified reverification process will enable the eligible firms to submit on a new VA Form 0877 signature page and a certificate of changes or no changes to business structure, status, ownership or control since its last date of verification. Additionally, many businesses will have to upload their original documents into the new system to enable future reverifications.

Businesses removed from the VIP database that were verified using the old process under the provisions of Public Law P.L. 109-461 are not eligible for simplified reverification. A business that was verified under this process must submit a new application. All applicants will be required to provide documents to facilitate streamlining their reverification with VA.

With the establishment of a new Class Deviation "Fast Track" program, open to any firm that was previously verified and is currently in the reverification process, an eligible business may continue to bid on VA contracts. If that business is the apparently successful offeror, the Contracting Officer will notify CVE and their reverification application can be "Fast Tracked". Veteran business owners can get more information by contacting the Verification Customer Service Team via email at [vacoreverification@va.gov](mailto:vacoreverification@va.gov).

VOSBs will have the opportunity to learn more about the reverification policy, process and check the status of their application at the National Veterans Small Business Conference and Expo at the Cobo Center in Detroit, Michigan June 26-29, 2012. The conference will also provide capacity building training for businesses, networking opportunities with program decision makers, information and access to Veteran services and hiring and employment opportunities.

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